

ST. JOHNS

St. Johns is Calling You
Is second in number of industries.
Is seventh in population.
Cares to Portland every 20 min.
Has navigable water on 3 sides.
Has finest gas and electricity.
Has two strong banks.
Has five large school houses.
Has abundance of purest water.
Has hard surface streets.
Has extensive sewerage system.
Has fine, modern brick city hall.
Has payroll of \$95,000 monthly.
Ships monthly 2,000 cars freight.
All railroads have access to it.
Is gateway to Portland harbor.
Climate ideal and healthful.

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Has seven churches.
Has a most promising future.
Distinctively a manufacturing city.
Adjoins the city of Portland.
Has nearly 6,000 population.
Has a public library.
Taxable property, \$4,500,000.
Has large dry docks, saw mills.
Woolen mills, iron works.
Stove works, asbestos factory.
Ship building plant.
Veneer and excelsior plant.
Flour mill, planing mill.
Box factory, and others.
More industries coming.
St. Johns is the place for YOU.

MOTHERS' DUTY

By Mrs. J. C. Scott at the Library Monday

"A mother's duty to herself. How far should she subordinate herself to her children?" Webster's definition of subordinate: "To make or consider of less value or importance." Let us give two illustrations: First, the child is in danger, the mother rushes to the rescue, never thinking of herself. It may be illness, some contagious disease—does the fear of contagion keep her from the bedside? No, indeed, the mother love is the stimulant that keeps her awake night after night, and day after day until the crisis is passed; and with a glad heart she watches every hopeful sign of recovery, never thinking of her own weariness or discomfort, and is finally rewarded by seeing the sick child well and strong again, and the other members of the family with grateful hearts love her more dearly than before.

Second, at the gate the husband and father stopped with three little folks to have an affectionate goodbye to the young mother on the porch, and she turned to the aunt who was visiting them with a look of pride on her face, "I do love to see John and the babies start out, they look so trim and nice always. I suppose it is wrong to be proud of them but John is so handsome and the babies so dear." "Why don't you go with them?" asked the old lady. "Oh, I'm too busy. I wouldn't tell any one but you, auntie, but I am doing without a spring suit this year and I cannot very well go out. We want to make a payment on our home and get some needed furniture. So I am trying to economize." What was this mother's reward? She was making her husband selfish, and careless and indifferent to her comfort, and presently he would cease to ask her to go out with him and she was giving the children the false idea that anything was good enough for mamma.

To my mind the question of children's rights and mother's rights is of much more importance than is the question of woman's civil right. The mother who has her own children in her own care is the woman who with intelligence can do the most for the race. When we speak the word mother there is at once in our minds the picture of home, father, mother, children, all enclosed in a unit, whatever the shelter over their heads may be. Home is a condition rather than a place. Woman should be queen in her own home, governing the family in their higher lives, not by criticism, but by quietly suggesting a better way and practicing it herself. She must govern herself first, her children afterward.

Watching for the best interest of the father and the family in everything, and practicing economy for truth's sake (not for the sake of accumulation) is the most practical application of love a woman can show to her husband, sooner or later the man who has received such sympathy and co-operation and feels that it is given with the highest motives, will find his life being lifted and purified. Some one has said "Man may hold the destiny of the nation in his hands but the mother holds the destiny of the man." If only woman would understand her worth, her power, and would use them for the work of salvation of her husband, her brother and her children.

But the home is not a real home unless each member of the family does his or her share toward making it such; there must be wise, watchful, loving co-operation at the head. Is not this a pleasant picture of home, children and parents cooperating together working in perfect harmony, perhaps to make both ends meet, perhaps to carry out some higher ambition, for the children as well as parents have important duties in the home. They should be taught that they are a part of the home firm.

The word father means the provider, the preserver, but he is more, in a sense he is the priest of the household laying upon the family altar the morning and evening sacrifice.

The true home is where cheerfulness, courtesy and love abide. Continued on last page.

EQUAL RIGHTS

First to Organize Under Bonville System

By A. Porter.

The bearer of that name that causes the heart of every true American to burn within him, the wisdom of whose words we only realize, as year after year the necessity for reform verifies the clearness of his foresight and sound justice of his judgment, Abraham Lincoln, who, in few words, delivered two separate and special warnings to who he saw would be two separate classes of people in this country, in what to him was the far future, but to us is the present time. In his time he spoke in one simple sentence to one people, but which carried a two fold meaning to what would be two classes of people, and each version applies with direct clearness to each. "Corporation has been enthroned and the money power will seek to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the people."

To the politician of his day he outlined the results of their thin political course and charged them direct with endangering the government. To the masses of the people he reproved them for their lack of faith in themselves, their fellowmen, their social government, and their country's resources. "To the rich of our day I am alarmed and fear and tremble for the welfare of my country. To the commonwealth or poor of today the money power will seek to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the people." It is the last phrase of this wonderful sentence that our downfall would be due to our proneness to nurse prejudice and the opportunity, the nursing of our prejudices gives to our enemies. That may contain a special lesson for this special occasion. The false spies have long triumphed the false delusion that the commonwealth is not capable of self government. How long will we so belittle ourselves as to put ourselves in intelligence and self preservation below all other life, the life that God has given dominion over all other life? Do we, by permitting such fallacy to exist, put ourselves below all other life, for there is no other life that is self destructive to extinction. The fact that we have, for a century and a half, enjoyed and maintained social life and progressed in intelligence under social government contrasts the falseness of the false assertion that we are incapable of self government. Industrially speaking, the opportunity of Industrial Government by all the people has been largely kept from our grasp. But the nursing of our prejudices, the acceptance of erroneous reports, belittling our own class, which includes ourselves, because those reports come from the men of means, has had largely to do with our tardiness of effort to control industry by the people and for the people. But every year's slate of political conditions and every year's slate of social conditions and year after year of industrial conditions slate has contained between the lines bold suggestions of necessary reforms, and the unwritten lines of justice chafing against the written lines of injustice have caused a friction that has seared an imprint in the sensuous minds of the people.

The gathering Saturday evening at the Woodman Hall, St. Johns, Oregon, means much more than the effort on the part of the participants to economize in the purchase of their daily provisions. It is an awakening on the part of the people to that earnest and brotherly appeal to forget prejudices, believe in ourselves in the reasoning power God has given us.

Faith in the God life that is within ourselves and a recognition of the power of that life over the animal nature of Man. It is the better man within us asserting its willingness and capability to control the flesh and live in harmony with the best interests of all, by the power of intelligence subduing prejudice within ourselves and bringing ourselves into subjection to the best interests of universal principles, operating in the clear light of right, trampling all local technicalities of personal greed under foot, grasping the handles of the industrial plow in

CALEF RETIRES

And is Succeeded Here by Ormandy Bros.

Last Friday terminated the active business life in St. Johns of Calef Bros., furniture store, the stock and fixtures being taken over by Ormandy Bros., who have for a couple of years conducted the St. Johns Furniture store and who will continue to conduct it in connection with the Calef store.

Calef Bros., ever since the advent of the store here about six years ago, have enjoyed a flourishing and appreciative patronage. Their business methods were fair and admirable, and we doubt if any one can say that they ever got the worst of a deal with Calef Bros. Courteous treatment, enterprise, liberal advertising, public spiritedness, quality, and a full dollar's worth for a dollar is what built Calef Bros. store in St. Johns from a small concern to one of the largest on the East Side of the river. The credit for this success is due to Manager A. C. Gesler, whose business sagacity, readiness to please and obliging, and business tact won steadfast friends for the store, and made it the sure success to which it attained. Jack McNiven as right bower for Mr. Gesler, by his cheerful and obliging manners, was also a factor in the store's success.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we chronicle the termination of Calef Bros. activities in St. Johns and the probable removal of Mr. Gesler and family, whose friends and well wishers are many. But as it will take some little time to settle the business of the firm and take care of outstanding contracts, they will likely remain yet for an indefinite time.

In Ormandy Bros. will be found worthy successors to Calef Bros. They have done business in St. Johns long enough for the people to know and appreciate them and their fine business ability. They are young men well versed in the furniture business and have learned the wants of the local trade in all its various phases. In thus branching out and expanding their business they have the best wishes of their patrons and numerous friends.

Temporary Compromise

Great temporary compromise made by Mr. Stroud, city attorney, with the Railroad Commission at Portland, Feb. 1st, regulating the water rates at St. Johns: Why did not the Railroad Commission come to St. Johns and take up this matter, as we are an incorporated city? If the Railroad commission would be called to Medford to adjust some grievance which occurred there, would said commission stop at Roseburg, or other places to adjust said grievance? Why did you seek to hold a meeting with the water company's attorney and make arrangements to meet the Railroad commission without notifying the committee appointed at a mass meeting held by the citizens to cooperate with the said commission when they would come to St. Johns?

Did not the water company produce evidence before the railroad commission that there were only a few kickers, that the majority of the water users was fully satisfied with the rate charged?

Now, Mr. Stroud, is it not better for you to again solicit the Railroad commission to settle the water rate before the coming city election, so the water users have some confidence in the great bargain you proclaim you have made?

I, myself, being a socialist, consider that you have made no bargain whatever to benefit the water users.

Respectfully submitted,
C. J. Anderson.
Paid advertisement

the interests of all the people, and guiding it into the garden soil of universal justice and harmony, from where all selfish personal prejudicial rocks are cast out.

PUPIL MARRIES

High School Girl is Bride of Portland Man

A romantic wedding occurred last Wednesday, Feb. 26, when Karl V. Willet of Portland and Gertrude Stephenson of St. Johns were quietly married. Miss Stephenson prepared as usual for school Wednesday morning, but went to the Central Hotel to see a friend and stated she was thru with school and cast her books aside and prepared to meet her fiancée at Portland. The ring was soon purchased, then next to the court house, where the knot was tied. The happy couple then departed for the groom's house, where a beautiful reception was held. A five course dinner was given at 6 p. m. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willit, parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Constock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Deeden, Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Sellard, Prof. W. S. E. Knewel, Mrs. John Thorton, Harry Thorton, Earl Willit, Mrs. J. H. Nash. The jolly company and many friends who heartily congratulated the young couple were entertained throughout the evening by some fine violin selections by J. H. Nash, a musician friend of the family. Mr. K. V. Willit is a business man of Portland. The young couple are now residing at 1497 Congress street.

Favors a Broader View

Editor Review:

Your article in the Review of Feb. 28th in regards to the uselessness of Christians being divided into the many different denominations, was very good, and the stand you take on co-operation of the same, should appeal to all thinking people. But say! Why stop at the suggestion of the economy of one big church instead of the many little churches? Let us carry the same wise policy of co-operation into a hundred or more other avenues of waste that no one can escape, and that reaches into every home, and into the life of every individual in the land. Can you tell me why the people of St. Johns should support two drug stores with their two managers, two sets of clerks, two rents, two light bills, two heating bills and about every other expense double when one store would give the same service?

"The same will apply to the three furniture stores, when one will do, two hardware stores when one is sufficient, a half dozen or so dry goods stores, instead of one, and 'laws a massay,' fifteen or more grocery stores, and about every other line of business and profession conducted in the same wasteful and useless manner. And, now, can you say that such a system is sane, or any more so than the seven churches with their useless expense and waste energy, because of their division?

Would St. Johnites sit idly by and say nothing if Uncle Sam should open another post office here and then raise the postage to three cents, and by and by open another office and again raise the price of stamps? Well I would rather guess not. There would be a louder protest raised in St. Johns by far than the water question has raised. And right here, let me make the assertion that the average family is put to more needless expense for their groceries alone each week, than what they would save by the proposed new water rates in four months. Now, don't you think it is time to wake to the situation and apply this beautiful theme of co-operation in its fullest capacity?

There is now a movement on foot in this country, and has been for a number of years, with over a million supporters at the present time, to establish the co-operative commonwealth, which is very much in harmony with the teachings of Christ found in the Book of Acts, 4:32-34. Nevertheless, nearly all the churches antagonize this movement, the followers of which call themselves Socialists. While they, the Christians, approve the system of competition which leaves waste, ruin and corruption in its wake.

I will now quit for the present,

GOOD MEETING

Commercial Club Takes Up Vital Matters

Quite a number of ladies were present at the monthly meeting of the St. Johns Commercial club held Wednesday evening. Their presence was invited to aid in considering better car service, a hospital and a public park for St. Johns. Mrs. Dye, who has been interesting the community in securing a hospital, told of the necessity of such an institution and solicited the aid of the club and especially of the ladies in securing such an innovation to St. Johns. She expressed confidence that she would be enabled to finance the project and that it would be self supporting. She had in view the purchase of the L. B. Chipman property on South Hayes street, a price of \$8,000 having been secured. Letters were read from Dr. McChesney, Undertaker Blackburn, the L. O. O. F. Lodge and the Woman's Relief Corps heartily endorsing the hospital project. The club unanimously endorsed the proposition and promised its aid in whatever way possible.

A number of young men of the city made request to join the club as they wish to organize a base ball club and use one of the club rooms for storing their uniforms and other base ball paraphernalia. President Pennell stated that he believed such an addition to the club would be welcome, that it would have a tendency to keep the lads off the streets and objectionable places. The young men numbering 23 in all, were taken into the club in a body.

Better car service provided a prolific source of discussion. T. A. Ketchum of Portsmouth, told of what the North Portland club was demanding of the trolley company, and that it would accept of no compromise, that it would get ten minute service and single cars, or it would get nothing. R. G. Brand stated that the large property owners on the north side of the loop would not be satisfied with a service less efficient than the south side residents would secure; that they would be satisfied with alternate service on the loop, but would not tamely submit to transfer system. F. W. Valentine favored all cars coming directly from Portland to St. Johns business district and leaving the same way, and using a transfer car on the loop continually. D. C. Lewis advocated routing all the Portsmouth trippers through to St. Johns. The Portland Railway Light and Power Co. has agreed to install alternate service on the loop, but positively refused ten minute service, declaring that ten minute service would cost the company \$11,000 additional expense yearly with no adequate returns; that the company was now losing more than \$40,000 yearly on the St. Johns service, and outside of expending \$5,000 for installation of block signals and passing tracks for alternate service, would do nothing further. As there was such a diversity of opinion, it was decided to pass the question to the board of governors to deal with.

The park question was taken up and D. C. Lewis made a strong plea for one park or two, and he favored a river view for one of them. It was finally decided that the board of governors should appoint a committee, of which two shall be ladies, to select feasible sites and bring the matter before the city council.

T. A. Ketchum advanced some interesting data relative to drainage of East Side sewerage into the Columbia Slough, giving cost, feasibility and other information regarding the project.

and invite you to come again, brother. You are on the right track.

This leaves me in a pleasant mood, as I feel assured if you continue for a while longer in your present line of thought, one of these days you will be applying for a red card in the Socialist party.

Yours for a sane system,
R. C. Stokes,
921 South Jersey street.
(The editor will make reply to the above next week, lack of space forbidding it in this issue).

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

A petition to improve Smith avenue from Oswego street to Columbia boulevard by a twenty foot strip of graveled bitulithic pavement in the center was presented at the regular council meeting Tuesday evening. The proposed improvement was met with vigorous protests on the part of T. J. Monahan who wanted the improvement to run from curb to curb, and not leave, as he expressed it, a mud hole on either side of the street. R. J. Kinder just as vigorously upheld the improvement as petitioned for, declaring that the property would not stand for full improvement at this time, and that since the sewer was not in along this street, it would be far better to have the center of the street improved and widened after sewer, water and gas pipes had all been laid and when the assessed valuation of the property would permit of costly improvement. A resolution directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data for improvement as petitioned for was ordered drafted. Mr. Kinder communicated the fact that he had the assurance of M. L. Holbrook that the improvement would be continued to the North Bank depot after the improvement petitioned for had been accomplished.

A petition for the improvement of Richmond street from Jersey to the Willamette river was presented. It called for graveled bitulithic from Jersey street to Willamette boulevard, and from the latter point to the river by concrete paving. As council could not act upon a petition calling for two kinds of improvement upon the same street, matter was referred back to the petitioners with the advice to present two separate petitions.

A strong remonstrance was lodged against the proposed improvement of Willamette boulevard by a thirty foot strip of graveled bitulithic paving near the center, and was the source of considerable discussion. D. C. Lewis, one of the property owners, advocated a fifteen foot strip of hard surface on either side of the street with a parking space in the center. The remonstrance was a trifle over 500 feet less than the necessary two-thirds of the property that must be represented to stay improvement, and therefore, was disallowed. But the engineer discovered that to carry out the improvement would result in an excess cost of \$9,500, which the city would have to stand for. The improvement was allowed to die.

A communication from the P. R. L. & P. Co. stated that an arc light would promptly be placed at the corner of Burr and Bank streets, as per instructions of the council.

A strenuous remonstrance against the proposed widening and extension of Central avenue to an uniform width of eighty feet was placed with council. While the remonstrance was premature, and therefore out of order, the opportunity was given property owners to state their objections, which several of them quickly proceeded to do. H. E. Harris, E. J. Hufford and S. O. C. Call declared against making the street eighty feet wide, the latter claiming that so to do would utterly ruin his property. Alderman Hill stated that while he acquiesced in giving the property owners what they desired, yet he believed they were standing in their own light when they objected to having the street widened, and pointed out the relative values of a couple of feet in Portland that had been widened over those that had not. R. C. Clark stated that council would likely have just as much trouble on its hands if it proceeded to make the street less than eighty feet. As it now stands the street from Charleston street north is now 80 feet wide, and from Charleston street to Fessenden street is of varying widths, being as narrow as 25 feet in some places. It was decided to stay further progress toward widening the street until two weeks more, in order to give it a more minute investigation.

A committee from the commercial club and also one from the

SCHOOL NOTES

Happenings Told In An Interesting Way

The semi-annual meeting of the Athletic Association was held recently for the purpose of electing officers for the closing semester of the year. Basil Smith was re-elected president and Lulu Day vice president. Florence Wass and Vida Evans were the successful candidates for the offices of secretary and treasurer respectively. Most of the freshmen showed their active interest in High school affairs by responding to the invitation to join the association. A new system of issuing membership cards was also adopted by vote of the Association.

The Hiak Klatawa club postponed their usual hike last week on account of the rain.

A girls' game between Park Place and James John was played Saturday, March 1st, resulting in a score of 18 to 9, in favor of Park Place. The game was very interesting and the enthusiasm of the St. Johns people in basket ball was shown by the number who attended. The team work of both teams was very good, but Park Place played a faster game.

On last Friday night an interested and enthusiastic audience gathered to hear the decisive debate of the Columbia River district. Woodburn's team was composed of Chester Vincent, Arlie Walker and Alpha Gillet, all three of whom were on their team last year. The members of the James John team were Basil Smith, Lowrena Rawson and Edna Hollenbeck—a readjustment of our former two teams made necessary by circumstances. James John supported the affirmative and Woodburn the negative of the question: Resolved, that the electoral college should be abolished and the President nominated and elected by direct vote of the people. The debate was a spirited one, each team having debated the question in two previous contests. The Woodburn team surely deserves credit for the effective delivery of all three debaters, but the James John team showed themselves by far the keener thinkers and won the decision by strength of argument and effective rebuttal. This victory puts James John in the semi-finals with the High School of Springfield of the central Oregon district. The state question is: Resolved that the United States should maintain a large navy. The winner of this will then meet the winner of the Klamath Falls-North Bend Contest in Eugene at a later date.

The "Has Beens" played a game with the second team Tuesday afternoon and at the end the score read 38-20 in favor of the second team.

We were much surprised and very sorry to lose one of the members of the Junior class, Gertrude Stevenson, but wish her joy as Mrs. Willet.

fire department made a joint report relative to acquiring more adequate fire equipment. Referred to the fire commission, consisting of the mayor, chief of police and chief of the fire department for investigation and report.

A resolution to improve Fessenden street from Oswego to Smith avenue with concrete paving was adopted. There will be an excess cost on the improvement which the city will have to pay, but, as Alderman Hiller pointed out, this connecting link on Fessenden street is of as vital importance as the improvement of Dawson, Burlington or any other street upon which excess had existed.

An ordinance providing for paying the excess cost for the improvement of Dawson street out of the general fund was passed.

F. G. Gilmore, representing a committee from the fire department, requested a permit for holding a Fourth of July celebration in St. Johns under the auspices of the fire department and the co-operation of the council in making it a success. While the present administration will not be in power in July, all the aid the present council could give was heartily assured.

All members were present with Mayor Muck presiding.